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Re: **Application Serial No.:** 09/408,858  
**Confirmation No.:** 4536  
**Applicants:** J. Richard Hanna, et al.  
**Title:** Automated Merchant Banking  
Apparatus and Method  
**Docket No.:** D-1116R1

Sir:

The Appellants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal. Please find enclosed in triplicate, Appellants' Supplemental Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.192 in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2002 for filing in the above-referenced application.

No fee is deemed required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee associated with the filing of the Supplemental Appeal Brief and any other fee due to Deposit Account 09-0428.

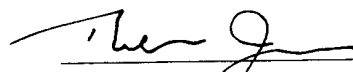
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